

## AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claims 27 and 36.

Please amend claims 20 and 21 as follows.

F1  
20. (Thrice Amended) A therapeutic composition for administration via the pulmonary airways comprising substantially dry, discrete microcapsules having a solid wall formed of a non-denatured, water-soluble wall-forming material, wherein the wall-forming material is a protein, peptide, or enzyme, and wherein said microcapsules have a mean size of between 1 and 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , and a therapeutically effective amount of a therapeutic agent; wherein the wall forming material optionally is the therapeutic agent.

F2  
21. (Amended) The composition according to claim 20, wherein said therapeutic agent is the sole component of the microcapsule.

Please add new claims 39-44 as follows:

F3  
39. (New) A therapeutic or diagnostic composition for administration via the pulmonary airways comprising substantially dry, discrete microcapsules having a solid wall formed of a non-denatured, water-soluble wall-forming material, wherein the wall-forming material is an amino or polyamino acid, and wherein said microcapsules have a mean size of between 1 and 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , and an effective amount of a therapeutic or diagnostic agent; wherein the wall forming material optionally is the therapeutic or diagnostic agent.

40. (New) The composition according to claim 39, wherein said therapeutic or diagnostic agent is the sole component of the microcapsule.

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41. (New) The composition according to claim 39, wherein the particle size of said microcapsule is between 1 and 5  $\mu\text{m}$ .

42. (New) The composition according to claim 39, wherein said microcapsules have a maximum interquartile range of 3  $\mu\text{m}$ .

43. The composition according to claim 39, wherein said microcapsules have a maximum interquartile range of 2  $\mu\text{m}$ .

44. The composition according to claim 39, which is sterile.